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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Headen (4,603,606).

Regarding claim 1, headen discloses an apparatus comprising a shaft (16) including a socket opening (100) in at least one end of the shaft; and a handle (26) connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing (20, and col. 4, lines 54-55).

Regarding claim 3, Headen discloses the claimed invention (Figs. 4 and 5).

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Headen in view of Erm (3,877,327).

Regarding claim 2, Headen discloses the claimed invention except that a second socket opening in the other end of the shaft.

Erm teaches an apparatus having a second socket opening (25) in an other end of a shaft (22) for applying substantially amounts of torque to fastener-heads of more than a single shape and size. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Headen's apparatus as taught by Erm to include a second socket opening in the other end of the shaft for the purpose of applying substantially amounts of torque to fastener-heads of more than a single shape and size.

5. Claims 4-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Usuda (5,689,076) in view of Headen.

Regarding claim 4, Usuda discloses a drum key comprising a shaft (the portion above socket 44 shown in Fig. 4) including a socket opening (44) in at least one end of the shaft (Fig. 4); and a handle (42) connected to the shaft; wherein the socket opening can engage the terminal end of the tension rod.

The different between Usuda's drum key and claim 4 is that claim 4 recites a handle connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing.

Headen teaches a handle connected to a shaft by a unidirectional bearing for improving torque application system and for directional torque transmission (col. 2, lines 67-68, and col. 3, lines 1-3). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art to modify Usuda's drum key as taught by Headen to include a handle connected to the shaft by a unidirectional bearing for the purpose of improving torque application system and for directional torque transmission.

Regarding claims 5 and 6, see above reasoning and statement addressing claims 2 and 3.

Regarding claims 7-9, it is obvious that the combined disclosure of Usuda in view of Headen teach the method steps recited in claims 7-9.

6. Claim 10 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Claim 10 is allowable over the prior art for at least the reason that the prior art fails to reasonably teach or suggest in claim 10 that the method step of holding the handle of drum key stationary, and simultaneously rotating the shaft of the drum key as set forth in the claimed combination.

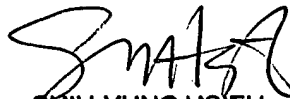
8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shih-yung Hsieh whose telephone number is 571-272-2065. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00-3:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Martin can be reached on 571-272-2107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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